

## 2.14 RECREATION

<i>Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):</i>	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
<b>RECREATION— Would the proposed project:</b>				
a) Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## SETTING

The City and County of San Francisco's Recreation and Park Department manages San Francisco's recreation facilities and parks. The department oversees the operations of nearly 300 recreational facilities throughout San Francisco (San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, 2004).

There are seven parks and recreational facilities overseen by the Recreation and Park Department within 1/2 mile of the project area which include: Youngblood Coleman Playground, located at Mendell Street and Galvez Avenue; Joseph Lee Recreation Center, located at 1395 Mendell Street; Palou and Phelps Mini Park, located at Palau and Phelps Streets; Hilltop Park, located at La Salle and Whitney Young Circle; Adam Rogers Park, located at Ingalls Street and Oakdale Avenue; and Hunters Point/Milton Myer Recreation Center, located at 200 Middle Point Road. In addition, the project area is within close proximity to Heron's Head Park, India Basin/Shoreline Park, and India Basin Open Space. Also, there is one park known as Muwekma Park, located on the north shore of Islais Creek, adjacent to Pier 80, that is managed by the Urban Resources Partnership and Muwekma Ohlone Tribe. See Figure 1-1 for the location of the park. A small, spontaneous community of gardeners have maintained this site for several years, with the support and permission of the Port of San Francisco.

The project area is also located in the immediate vicinity of a portion of the San Francisco Bay Trail. The Bay Trail is a planned recreational corridor that, when complete, will encircle San Francisco and San Pablo Bays with a continuous 400-mile network of bicycling and hiking trails.

It will connect the shoreline of all nine Bay Area counties, link 47 cities, and cross the major toll bridges in the region. To date, approximately 210 miles of the route, or slightly more than half the Bay Trail's ultimate length, has been completed (ABAG, 2004). The proposed project cable line route would intersect with a portion of the Bay Trail<sup>1</sup> that runs along 3rd Street at the intersections of 23rd Street and at Evans Avenue.

<sup>1</sup> This portion of the Bay Trail is designated as an unimproved on street Bay Trail segment.

## IMPACTS DISCUSSION OF RECREATION

### ***METHODOLOGY AND SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA***

The analysis of the potential intensity of impacts to parks and recreation were derived from available maps and published data characterizing the project area. To determine the significance of the impacts anticipated from the proposed project, the project's effects were evaluated as provided under the revised CEQA guidelines. These guidelines are summarized in the checklist provided at the beginning of this section.

### ***PROPOSED PROJECT***

While there would be a temporary increase in population as a result of project construction, the increase would be small, short-term, and would not put additional demand on existing park use. The project would also not involve the construction or expansion of existing recreational facilities. As a result, recreation impacts would be less than significant. There are a number of parks or recreational facilities within 0.5 mile of the construction route, including the Bay Trail. While the project would not increase population, construction activities would result in temporary closure or restriction of some parks, including the Bay Trail along Third Street. With mitigation measures identified and because the closures and/or restrictions would be temporary, this project impact would be less than significant.

**Mitigation Measure PS-1: PG&E shall coordinate with the City and County of San Francisco Park and Recreation Department and the Association of Bay Area Governments' Bay Trail staff prior to closure and/or restriction of park and recreation facilities.**

**Mitigation Measure PS-2: Park facilities, including the Bay Trail along 3rd Street and Cargo Way shall not be closed and/or restricted for a period of time exceeding two consecutive months.**

### ***ALTERNATIVE 1***

Similar to the proposed project, Alternative 1 would not result in increased use of nor expansion or construction of existing recreational facilities. The parks project setting for Alternative 1 is essentially the same as under the proposed project. However, the proposed Alternative 1 cable line route would not intersect with any portion of the Bay Trail that runs along 3rd Street. Rather, the cable line route would run along a portion of the Bay Trail that runs along Cargo Way.<sup>2</sup>

The bore under Islais Creek has been constructed so disturbance to the one park adjacent to the project area, known as Muwekma Park, is not expected. Therefore, recreation impacts under Alternative 1 would be less than significant.

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<sup>2</sup> This portion of the Bay Trail is designated as an unimproved on street Bay Trail segment.

With mitigation measures identified and because the closures and/or restrictions would be temporary, this project impact would be less than significant.

### ***ALTERNATIVE 2***

Similar to the proposed project, Alternative 2 would not result in increased use of nor expansion or construction of existing recreational facilities. The parks project setting for Alternative 2 is essentially the same as under the proposed project. However, the proposed Alternative 2 cable line route would not intersect with any portion of the Bay Trail that runs along 3rd Street. Rather, the cable line route would run along a portion of the Bay Trail that runs along Cargo Way.<sup>3</sup> Therefore, recreation impacts under Alternative 2 would be less than significant.

### ***ALTERNATIVE 3***

Similar to the proposed project, Alternative 3 would not result in increased use of nor expansion or construction of existing recreational facilities. The parks project setting for Alternative 3 is essentially the same as under the proposed project. However, the proposed Alternative 3 cable line route would not intersect with any portion of the Bay Trail that runs along 3rd Street. Rather, the cable line route would run along a portion of the Bay Trail that runs along Cargo Way.<sup>4</sup> Additionally, short-temporary impacts to Muwekma Park, located on the north shore of Islais Creek could occur during construction activities. Implementing mitigation measures PS-1 and PS-2 would result in the impacts being less than significant. No impacts to the Park are expected during operation of the overhead alternative.

### ***NO PROJECT ALTERNATIVE***

The No Project Alternative would avoid all potential impacts to recreation associated with the proposed project.

## **CHECKLIST IMPACT CONCLUSIONS**

- a) The project would not affect the use of or demand for existing parks and recreation facilities because the project would not be directly or indirectly growth inducing. Physical deterioration of recreation facilities would not occur because there would not be any permanent increases in population. As a result, recreation impacts would be less than significant.
- b) The project would not include the construction of new recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of existing recreational facilities because no permanent increase in population would result. Therefore, recreation impacts would be less than significant.

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<sup>3</sup> This portion of the Bay Trail is designated as an unimproved on street Bay Trail segment.

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